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Flood Update

Chippewa River Update

Monday, June 2, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

At 3:45 p.m. this afternoon, the Chippewa River gauge at Grand Avenue read 762.8, which is approximately ten (10) feet below the downtown flood stage of elevation 773. Lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail in the city of Eau Claire are currently open.

Based on recent rain in the upper watershed, the National Weather Service is forecasting the river elevation to rise to elevation 767 at Grand Avenue Thursday night. At this elevation, flooding is expected in the lower sections of Owen Park and lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail. The lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail behind Hobbs Ice Arena and Haas Arts Center are expected to become flooded Tuesday night as the river rises and remain inundated into the weekend. No other closures are anticipated within the City of Eau Claire. Additional rainfall forecast for this week may prolong the closure.

The City will continue to monitor the river closely and report information as it is obtained. Residents along or near the river are also asked to monitor nearby river conditions in order to have as much advanced warning of those changes. Information is available on the City web site at www.eauclairewi.gov and on the Public Works Message Line at (715) 839-6002. For further information about this news release or river elevations, please contact the City of Eau Claire, Department of Public Works at (715) 839-4934.

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